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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 15-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/15/00	04/08/00
Bro-Fry	156,613	156,511
Lt Hens	2,332	2,021
Hvy Hens	1,390	1,414

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 08-Apr- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	561	11	572
Last Week	594	0	594
Same Wk Yr Ago	571	0	571
To Date 2000	7,692	50	7,742
To Date 1999	6,895	113	7,008

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,570	1,356	3,926
Last Week	2,505	1,314	3,819
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,669	1,318	3,987
To Date 2000	35,993	19,164	55,157
To Date 1999	36,998	18,729	55,727

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 08-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	153,585 (A)	2,009	1,345	3,354
Avg Wt	5.03	3.38	8.03	5.24
Last Week	156,244	1,911	1,314	3,225
Same Week Yr Ago	147,925	2,098	1,318	3,416
Avg Wt	4.97	3.39	7.99	5.17
To-Date/2000	2,151,923	28,301	19,114	47,415
To-Date/1999	2,093,418	30,103	18,616	48,719

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 150.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.5 million head or 5.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 01, 2000**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,629	33,997	40,399
Avg Weight	3.75	4.66	6.07
% Of Total /1	29%	32%	38%
Comparisons			
Last Week	35,074	40,542	34,114
Avg Weight	3.69	4.80	6.11
% Of Total /1	32%	37%	31%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,272	19,149	39,959
Avg Weight	3.83	4.88	5.91
% Of Total /1	34%	21%	45%
To Date/2000	439,398	410,309	512,120
To Date/1999	432,067	373,364	551,686
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 01-Apr-2000
(Thousand Head)**

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	5,062	30	51	5,143
Avg Wt	24.69	26.97	26.90	24.73
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	5,261	97	17	5,375
Same Week Yr Ago	3,589	21	26	3,636
Avg Wt	25.26	22.48	24.46	25.24
To-Date/2000	59,599	200	467	60,266
To-Date/1999	58,270	226	386	58,882

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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